

## 2014–2015 Testing Schedule

While the Minnesota Department of Education strives to ensure this testing schedule remains unaltered, it is subject to change based on assessment decisions made by the state Legislature or reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA).

**SEPTEMBER 2014**

- 15 Compass (College Placement Diagnostic Assessment) Grade 11 Online Begins<sup>1</sup>
- 29 Optional Local Purpose Assessment (OLPA) Reading Grades 3–8, 10 and Mathematics Grades 3–8 Online Begins

**NOVEMBER 2014**

- 3 EXPLORE Grade 8 and PLAN Grade 10 (Career and College Assessments) Paper Begins
- 5 GRAD Written Composition Paper Retest
- 12 GRAD Written Composition Paper Retest (Make-up)
- 21 EXPLORE Grade 8 and PLAN Grade 10 (Career and College Assessments) Paper Ends

**JANUARY 2015**

- 5 Compass (College Placement Diagnostic Assessment) Grade 10 Online Begins<sup>2</sup>

**FEBRUARY 2015**

- 2 ACCESS for ELLs® and Alternate ACCESS for ELLs® Paper Begins
- 20 Optional Local Purpose Assessment Reading Grades 3–8, 10 and Mathematics Grades 3–8 Online Ends

**MARCH 2015**

- 9 MCA Reading Grades 3–8, 10 and Mathematics Grades 3–8, 11 Online Begins  
MCA Science Online Begins  
MTAS Reading, Mathematics, and Science Begins
- 20 ACCESS for ELLs® and Alternate ACCESS for ELLs® Ends

**APRIL 2015**

- 8 GRAD Written Composition Paper Retest
- 15 GRAD Written Composition Paper Retest (Make-up)
- 28 The ACT Plus Writing (College Entrance Exam) Grade 11 Paper

**MAY 2015**

- 8 MCA Reading Grades 3–8, 10 and Mathematics Grades 3–8, 11 Online Ends  
MTAS Reading, Mathematics, and Science Ends
- 12 The ACT Plus Writing (College Entrance Exam) Grade 11 Paper (Make-up)
- 15 MCA Science Online Ends

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<sup>1</sup> Compass is available in 2014-15 for grade 11 students who are not yet academically ready for a career or college based on their growth in academic achievement between grades 8 and 10 (as determined by performance on the grade 8 Reading and Mathematics MCA and grade 10 Reading MCA).

Once open, grade 11 Compass is available throughout the school year except during ACT testing.

<sup>2</sup> Compass is taken by grade 10 students who are not yet academically ready for a career or college based on their growth in academic achievement between grades 8 and 10 (as determined by performance on the grade 8 Reading and Mathematics MCA and grade 10 PLAN).

Once open, grade 10 Compass is available after PLAN results are received and is available throughout the school year except during ACT testing.